Export of jaggery to the European Union

*349. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian traders have been exporting jaggery to the European Union under India's preferential quota for sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the illegal jaggery exports have been in addition to the genuine export of 10,000 tonnes of white sugar to the European Union every year; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the fraud committed by certain unscrupulous traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (d) No illegal exports of raw cane jaggery have taken place. However, some consignments of raw cane jaggery, mainly exported to U.K., which were issued Certificates of Origin under the Generalised System of Preferences Scheme by the Export Inspection Agency with the endorsement "Preferential Sugar Regulation No. (EEC) 2782/76" have been debited by the European Union authorities to the preferential quota of sugar. Resolution of this issue has been taken up with the European Union authorities through our Embassy in Brussels. Export Inspection Council has also issued instructions directing all Export Inspection Agencies not to issue any GSP Certificates for sugar products other than white sugar with the following endorsement:—

"Preferential Sugar Regulation (EEC) No. 2782/76 refers"

Financial assistance by KVIC to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

*350. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the detials of total grants, subsidies and other forms of financial assistance given by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95, 1995-96 and the current year;

(b) the safeguards being instituted to ensure that the benami firms and individuals do not obtain such grants, etc. from KVIC;

(c) whether any complaints have reached the KVIC in the financial year of 1996-97; and

(d) if so, the full details of such com plaints of misuse, etc. and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The details of total grants, subsidies and other forms of financial assistance given by KVIC to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95, 1995-96 and the current year are as under:—

Disbursemcnt of funds by KVIC

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Khadi		Village Industries	
	Grant	Loan	Grant	Loan
Andhra Pradesh 1994-95	202.15	575.98	8.25	291.21
1995-96	370.53	314.16	11.42	406.94
1996-97 [upto Oct'96]	198.27	59.47	2.99	34.21